

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
NASHVILLE DIVISION

L.W., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JONATHAN SKRMETTI, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:23-cv-00376

Judge Eli J. Richardson

Magistrate Judge Alistair E. Newbern

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**ORDER**

Defendants ask the Court to extend their deadline to respond to Plaintiffs' complaint and the United States' complaint in intervention from July 19, 2023, until twenty-one days after the Sixth Circuit resolves Defendants' appeal of this Court's preliminary injunction and to continue the initial case management conference set on August 10, 2023, until a reasonable time after they have responded. (Doc. No. 175.) Defendants note that the Sixth Circuit has set September 30, 2023, as the anticipated deadline for resolution of their appeal and predict that the Sixth Circuit's anticipated ruling will affect their responsive pleading and the scope and nature of discovery to be taken. Plaintiffs and the United States do not object to Defendants' motion.

The motion is GRANTED. The initial case management conference set on August 10, 2023, is CANCELLED. Defendants shall respond to the complaint and complaint in intervention no later than twenty-one days after the Sixth Circuit issues its ruling on their appeal of this Court's preliminary injunction.

By no later than twenty-eight days after the Sixth Circuit issues its ruling, Defendants shall file a motion to reset the initial case management conference that proposes mutually convenient

dates and times for the conference determined after meeting and conferring with counsel for Plaintiffs and the United States.

It is so ORDERED.

  
ALISTAIR E. NEWBERN  
United States Magistrate Judge